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1. [REDACTED] since the Constituent Assembly Decree published on 7 August, the Bustamante Government position has seriously weakened.
2. The resulting instability is reported to be greater at present than at any time since 1945. The stable, middle-of-the-road core formed by the President and the Army, which has existed until now, is believed to be disintegrating as support for the President falls away on all sides.
3. Both the Apristas and the Civilistas are opposed to the Government on the Constituent Assembly issue, and dissatisfaction among the armed forces is growing. The Peruvian Communist Party has also attacked the President's position.

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[REDACTED] It is believed that any group willing to risk violence may have a chance to seize power in the near future. No reports have been received yet, however, indicating that any such new grouping has crystallized or that any existing group has determined on violence.

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